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(54) Title: PRODUCTION OF STARCHY FOOD PRODUCTS

(57) Abstract: Properties of starchy food products such as noodles, fried products and snack products may be improved by treating the raw materials with a lipolytic enzyme. The enzyme treatment may improve the dough handling during processing, the texture, the crispiness, the mouthfeel and the appearance. The enzyme treatment may also reduce the oil content of a fried product, increase the firmness, and increase the bulkiness (reduce the bulk density) of a fried product. The lipolytic enzyme may have phospholipase, galactolipase and/or triacyl-glycerol lipase activity.

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1. Claims: 1-7, 9, 10, 13 (partly)

Process for producing starchy FLOUR-BASED food products comprising the steps of:

- preparing a DOUGH comprises flour, water and a lipolytic enzyme;
- holding the dough

2. Claims: 8, 13 (partly)

Process for producing POTATO CHIPS from potato SLICES comprising the step of contacting potato slices with a lipolytic enzyme having a phospholipase or galactolipase activity.

3. Claims: 11, 12, 13(partly)

Process for producing FLAKED or SHREDDED cereals comprising the step of contacting cereal grains or grits with a lipolytic enzyme.

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